

POTOMAC STATE  
SOCIAL CLUB

Spring Banquet





POTOMAC STATE COLLEGE SOCIAL CLUB

SPRING BANQUET

*honoring*

*Irene B. Hartman*

*upon her twenty-fifth anniversary*

*of service to the college*

AND

*Elizabeth A. Atwater*

*Helen C. Criner*

*Ann V. Pamer*

*A. Gordon Slonaker*

*upon their retirement from the college*

Potomac Motel  
Keyser, West Virginia  
April 1, 1978



*"the best is yet to be" OR*



ELIZABETH A. ATWATER

*Professor of*

*Speech and Journalism*

*Thirty-nine years of service*



HELEN C. CRINER

*Registrar*

*Associate Professor*

*Thirty-two years of service*



## *They gave at the office*

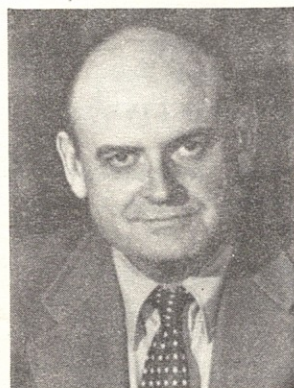


ANN V. PAMER

Cashier

*Eighteen and one-half years of service*

*(Retired December 31, 1977)*



A. GORDON SLONAKER

Dean of the College

*Four and one-half years of service*

*(Retired December 31, 1977)*

## *25 Years? Good night! Irene?!?*

IRENE B. HARTMAN

Professor and Unit Coordinator

Commerce and Business Administration



## Elizabeth A. Atwater

Dr. Elizabeth Atwater brings to a close this spring thirty-nine years of service to Potomac State College. During those years she has distinguished herself in teaching journalism and public relations.

As a speech teacher she has managed to allay the fears of hundreds of students and aid them in expressing themselves before groups. She was also a director of the Players Club for many years.

As a teacher of journalism she can point with pride to a host of former students who have achieved distinction in the field, and she can also take great satisfaction in the standard of excellence the PASQUINO has exhibited under her direction.

As former director of public relations she did an excellent job of getting out the news of Potomac State to the media, but on the other hand, she has never abandoned public relations, for she constantly advertises the college effectively through her countless public speaking engagements, and in professional, state, community and church organizations.

The above achievements are all the more distinctive when we recall that Dr. Atwater was trained as a classical scholar: AB, Latin, Duquesne University; MA, Latin, University of Pittsburgh; Ph.D., Latin and Classics, University of Pittsburgh.

Among the many honors she has received is recognition in WHO'S WHO OF AMERICAN WOMEN, WHO'S WHO IN PUBLIC RELATIONS, WHO'S WHO IN AMERICAN EDUCATION, and the DIRECTORY OF AMERICAN SCHOLARS. In June, 1967, Governor Hulett C. Smith appointed her to the W. Va. Arts and Humanities Commission, a post she still holds. She belongs to Delta Kappa Gamma Society for Women in Education, Kappa Tau Alpha Journalism Honorary, and other professional organizations. She was named W.Va.'s Advertising Person of the Year in 1972 by the professional advertising fraternity at WVU. She has been very active with Highland Arts, Unlimited, since its establishment.

Dr. Atwater loves to travel and has visited the countries of Europe, Africa, the provinces of Canada, the Mediterranean, and Scandanavia.

A member of the Church of the Assumption, she has long been active, not only in the women's group, but also as a teacher in the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine.

Her service on committees at the college through the years would fill pages. For many years she sponsored a poetry interpretation contest and directed the W. Va. speech contests at PSC. She has annually presented awards to outstanding journalism students.

Dr. Atwater writes "30" to a career of excellence and distinction in her service to Potomac State College for almost four decades.

#### Helen C. Criner

The retirement "bug" has also infected our registrar Miss Helen C. Criner, associate professor of commerce, who is completing thirty-two years of service to Potomac State. A native of Point Marion, Pa., Helen earned her bachelor's degree from West Virginia University, her master's from the University of Pittsburgh, and has done graduate work at Indiana (Pa.) University.

After teaching in public schools of Nicholas and Mineral Counties, and having served in counseling and admissions at Western College in Oxford, Ohio, she came to Potomac State in 1946 as instructor in commercial subjects. She served as assistant registrar until 1964 when she was promoted to her present position.



*M E N U*

*Juice*

*Roast Beef*

*Stuffed Potato*

*Peas*

*Tossed Salad*

*Beverage*

*Bread*



## PROGRAM

*Welcome*

*Linda S. Lancaster*

*Toastmistress*

*Faye W. Beams*

*Invocation*

*H. Jack Conrad*

## DINNER

### TESTIMONIALS

*Elizabeth A. Atwater*

*Leonard G. Withers*

*Helen C. Criner*

*Mary F. Shipper*

*Irene B. Hartman*

*Kenneth M. Malone*

*Ann V. Pamer*

*Harry R. Smith*

*A. Gordon Slonaker*

*Oscar H. Gustafson*

## REMARKS

*Douglas A. Harrington*

*Acting Dean of the College*

Helen has held every elective office in the local chapters of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority and the American Association of University Women. She has also been active in the state and national associations of Registrars and Admissions Officers, has served as president of the state group, and also as a member of the Executive Committee. She has maintained memberships in the West Virginia Education Association, the Association of Higher Education, and the W. Va. Personnel and Guidance Association.

A member of Delta Kappa Gamma, honorary for women in education, she was named to WHO'S WHO OF AMERICAN WOMEN in 1974. She also belongs to the Church of the Assumption and the Catholic Women's Club.

Last year Helen assumed additional duties as head of the college Placement Office. She has been a member or chairman of many, many college committees.

She lists travel and reading as favorite pastimes. She has visited much of Europe, Scandanavia, Canada, Mexico, and the Canal Zone. Her ready wit and administrative efficiency will be missed.

#### A. Gordon Slonaker

Dr. A. G. Slonaker is honored tonight by the PSC Social Club following his retirement as Dean of Potomac State College December 31, 1977. He was appointed Dean of the College on July 1, 1973, and he served our institution with distinction for four and one-half years, appropriately capping 39½ years of service and dedication to educational advancement in the state of West Virginia.



Dr. Slonaker is a native of Capon Bridge, WV, where he was graduated from high school. He continued his studies at Shepherd College, graduating in 1938 with a degree in history. He received an MA degree in that field from West Virginia University. In 1958 he earned his doctorate in educational administration from the University of Virginia. For his dissertation he wrote "The History of Shepherd College," later published in 1968.

He taught at Capon Bridge High School from 1938 to 1941. A member of the U.S. Army from 1941 to 1945, he was awarded a battlefield commission during the invasion of France. He returned to Hampshire County to serve as principal of Romney High School from 1947 to 1954. He then became registrar, director of admissions, and associate professor of history at Shepherd in 1954, and four years later was named Academic Dean there, which position he held until coming to Potomac State.

A LT COL in the US Army Reserve, he holds membership in Kappa Delta Phi and Phi Delta Kappa, education fraternities, and is a life member of the NEA. He is a past president of the W. Va. Association of Academic Deans.

While at Potomac State he published his second book, "Recollections and Reflections of a College Dean," in 1975. He was chosen as "Alumnus of the Year" by Shepherd College in 1974. Until his retirement he was the "Dean" of college deans in West Virginia.

While in Keyser he was active in the Lions Club, the Mineral County Historical Society, Scouting in the Tri-Valley District, the Advisory Council for Project PUSH, and the Grace United Methodist Church.

He was married in 1946 to a native of Decatur, Alabama, Marjory B. Scruggs, whom he met in France. They have two children, John and Janet, both married. His hobbies include hunting and fishing, books, guns, and Civil War history. The Slonakers are enjoying retirement in Shepherdstown.



Ann V. Pamer

Mrs. Ann (Hollen) Pamer is honored tonight for eighteen and one-half years of service to Potomac State College prior to her retirement effective December 31, 1977.

Our former cashier, Ann is a graduate of Grafton High School and Potomac State College. She and her husband Henry Pamer, now deceased, resided in Charleston for many years. Her two children are Potomac State alumni: Pamela, a teacher in special education in Cresaptown (Md.) Elementary School, and Eric, married and living in Falls Church, Va., is employed by the Commerce Clearing House Bureau. Ann is a grandmother twice over, and her mother Eva Hollen resides in Keyser.

Prior to joining the Business Office staff, she had experience in floral design, held ownership of a market jointly with her husband, and was involved in furniture sales, all in Charleston.

While living there, she participated in P.T.A. and the Child Study League and helped with Red Cross, Cancer, and Community Chest fund drives as well as chairing the one for Girl Scouts.

As a student Ann was active in several groups on campus, including Eta Upsilon Gamma Sorority, and she continued to be active with the Gamma alumnae as long as they remained organized. She has served as president of the Potomac State College Social Club, a member of its Executive Committee, and was constantly sought after as a member of various committees because of her innovative ideas and decorative skills.

Ann has been very supportive of the Potomac State College Alumni Association since its reorganization in 1961, and is currently a member of the Board of Directors.

Ann is an excellent bridge player, having participated in a duplicate bridge group for many years and substituted in several others. Since her retirement, in addition to bridge, she has been enjoying her favorite pastime ----- reading.

We miss her easy humor, her bright smile, and her infectious laughter as well as her efficient work as cashier.

Irene B. Hartman

Mrs. Irene (Brown) Hartman is observing her silver anniversary of service to Potomac State College. Irene joined the staff in the fall of 1953 as an instructor in commerce. Her abilities have been recognized through the achievement of a full professorship in 1975 and as unit coordinator, formerly a department chairman, for many years.

"Brownie" came to us from Beaver, Pa. She was graduated from Geneva College, Beaver Falls, Pa., and earned her master's degree from the University of Pittsburgh. She taught four years at Midland (Pa.) High School before joining our faculty.

For many years she was co-advisor of Eta Upsilon Gamma Sorority and a member of the Academic Standards Committee on campus. Indeed, her committee work alone would fill a page.

She is a past-president of Tri-State Business Education Association and of the National Secretaries Association in Cumberland. She holds a life membership in NEA, maintains membership in the West Virginia Education Association and served for several years as secretary of the W. Va. Association of Higher Education. She has been the Potomac State College representative to the Board of Regents Advisory Council since the establishment of this position two years ago.



A member of the Keyser Presbyterian Church, she serves as secretary and member of the Board of Deacons and sings in the choir.

She is a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, honorary for women in education, the American Association of University Women, and has worked with Highland Arts Unlimited. She is listed in WHO'S WHO OF AMERICAN WOMEN and PERSONALITIES OF THE SOUTH.

In July of 1976 she became the wife of Capt. Herbert J. Hartman, USN Ret., a former member of our engineering faculty. An inveterate traveler, she has toured Canada, England, Europe, parts of Africa and Australia, and most of the United States, including Alaska and Hawaii. Since her marriage, she and Herb have also enjoyed much travel, including a recent visit to her sister in the Panama Canal Zone.



A ROSTER OF THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED POTOMAC STATE COLLEGE  
FOR TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OR MORE

*Ida Menefee	1902-1934
*William D. Anthony	1913-1946
*Rebecca Z. Carroll	1924-1966
*Ernest Kissinger	1935-1970
*Dana G. Lough	1935-1970
*Gertrude S. Stanhagen	1935-1973
Ernest E. Church	1936-1963
*Kirkland S. McKee	1936-1963
Ervin L. Dayton	1937-1970
Nancy M. Miller	1937-1967
Isabella R. Clifford	1938-1970
David G. Nuzum	1938-1977
Mary F. Shipper	1938-1973
Albert O. Willhide	1938-1943
Elizabeth A. Atwater	1939-1978
Leonard G. Withers	1939-1973
James T. Handlan, Jr.	1942-1977
*Walter A. Jaworek	1942-1972
*Viola U. Lough	1943-1970
Leontine B. Nuzum	1943-1973
*Walter H. Boone	1943-1972
Helen C. Criner	1946-1978
Paul F. Iverson	1946-1975
William E. Michael	1946-
Dewey V. Rotruck	1946-
Richard A. Smith	1946-
Allen E. Murphy	1948-
Raymond H. Tasker	1949-
Kenneth F. Haines	1952-
Albert A. Strother	1952-
Rosie L. Wilson	1952-
Irene B. Hartman	1953-

\*Deceased

COMMITTEE  
ON  
ARRANGEMENTS

*Faye W. Beams, Chairman*

*Kenneth F. Haines*

*Helen M. Hartman*

*Harry R. Smith*

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*Linda S. Lancaster*

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*Charles D. Whitehill*

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*Elwood Layman*

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